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	APPARATUS FOR SECURING AN IMPLANT)
	ON AN ARTICULATING SURFACE OF AN)
	ORTHOPEDIC JOINT)
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Application with Related Disclosure

By way of information to the Examiner, set forth below is a list of pending patent applications that disclose and may claim some common subject matter:

Inventors	Serial No.	Filing Date
Daniel F. Justin et al.	10/749,346	December 30, 2003
Daniel F. Justin et al.	11/219,098	September 2, 2005
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